



Clinical Congress News

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Presidential Address

Surgery will continue to attract best and brightest

“We are confronted with the issue of workforce numbers...this has led to dire predictions of surgeons retraining to be family physicians, or even leaving medicine altogether. Can the future be as bleak as some would describe it? Is it appropriate for us as seniors to shake our heads and remark that the golden age is over for surgery? I think not,” David G. Murray, MD, FACS, the newly installed President of the College, said in his Presidential Address last evening.

Dr. Murray told the audience that “there is no question that surgery remains an attractive field. The best and the brightest are competing for positions in residency programs. The limited number of openings each year

serves like the old-fashioned milk separator—bringing the cream to the top.”

During the address, which he delivered at the conclusion of Convocation ceremonies in Moscone Center, Dr. Murray emphasized that in response to this challenge, surgical programs continue to educate the intellectually endowed and highly motivated residents by reviewing and improving educational systems. “The College has created a program to teach teachers to teach, all in the name of quality education,” he said.

Focusing on other workforce concerns, Dr. Murray noted that the government is now pervasive in surgery. “We have seen incredible benefits from support by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other

agencies...support for medical schools and residency programs has helped put this country at the forefront of the world in this arena,” he said.

On the other hand, surgery has witnessed increasing intrusion into the decision-making process via heavy-handed regulation, or poorly guided regulatory activities.

Regarding managed care, Dr. Murray stated that the capitation system is “basically a method by which an insurance company or HMO can guarantee profits because it has precise control over the income and expense—no need for actuaries, the risk is shifted to the physician or surgeon and the patient is out of the loop.”

On the other hand, Dr. Murray said, “Much of the fallout has been beneficial to us as surgeons...we have learned

to perform surgery on outpatients that was unthinkable 20 years ago...we have shortened follow-up time with no real loss...we are able to do more cases better in all aspects...we are forced to look critically at our results and to justify the costs of what we do...when it comes to crisis situations, we as surgeons, as specialists, rarely send any more for every available person.”

Dr. Murray said it is his belief that the practice of surgery has changed enormously, and most of the changes “have been dramatically for the better.”

“I close with confidence that the future will be as exciting and rewarding as the past...and when the call comes, it will be for the best we can give, because everyone wants the best—and I am looking at the best,” Dr. Murray concluded.

Dr. Schwartz is ACS President-Elect

Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS, the current Chairman of the Board of Regents, was named President-Elect yesterday afternoon at the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates that took place in Moscone Center.

Dr. Schwartz, who is professor and chairman, department of surgery, University of Rochester (NY) Medical Center, will be installed as President of the American College of Surgeons at the 1997 Clinical Congress in Chicago, IL.

Dr. Schwartz received a medical degree in 1950 from New York University College of Medicine. He continued his medical training from 1950 through 1957 at the University of Rochester (NY), Strong Memorial Hospital.

He became an instructor in surgery on the faculty at that same institution in 1957, and has served as professor of surgery since 1967. He was director of surgical research at the University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital, from 1962 to 1982. He assumed his current position as chairman of the department of surgery at University of Rochester Medical Center in 1987.

Dr. Schwartz became a Fellow in

1959, and he has been an active participant and leader in College activities for over 35 years. He has served as President of the College's Upstate New York Chapter, Chairman of the ACS Committee on Surgical Education in Medical Schools, and Chairman of the ACS Surgical Forum Committee. Dr. Schwartz became a Governor in 1982 and was named a Regent in 1988. He served as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Regents (1993-1994) and as Chairman of the Board of Regents (1994-1996). Dr. Schwartz received the College's Distinguished Service Award in 1986.

Dr. Schwartz has held over 50 visiting lectureships and professorships across the nation and abroad since 1961, including appointments at Cornell University, Mayo Clinic, New England Deaconess Hospital, and Vanderbilt University in the United States; and Royal Free Hospital (London), University of Lagos (Nigeria), University of Lund (Sweden), and the University of Paris abroad.

A prolific writer who has contributed

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Dr. Schwartz, President-Elect, and his wife, Ruth

Dr. Thompson receives top ACS honor

The highest honor awarded by the American College of Surgeons—the Distinguished Service Award—was presented to James C. Thompson, MD, FACS, of Galveston, TX, at the Annual Meeting of the Fellows and Initiates yesterday afternoon. Dr. Thompson is currently a professor in the department of surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), Galveston.

As indicated in the citation recognizing Dr. Thompson's achievements, throughout his career, he has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to surgical research and to the nurturing of young surgical investigators. His work as a preeminent surgical scientist in the investigation of basic and applied principles of gastrointestinal endocrinology and physiology has contributed immeasurably to the field, attested to by 36 years of continuous research support from the National Institutes of Health and a Merit Award for his research endeavors.

As a Fellow of the College, Dr. Thompson has served the ACS in numerous capacities. He has been a member of the Board of Governors;

President of the South Texas Chapter; Chairman of the Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems; Chairman of the Surgical Research and Education Committee; and a member of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee of the Program Committee, the Scholarships Committee, and the Conjoint Council on Surgical Research. He is currently a senior member of the College's Surgical Education and Research Committee. In addition, Dr. Thompson serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*.

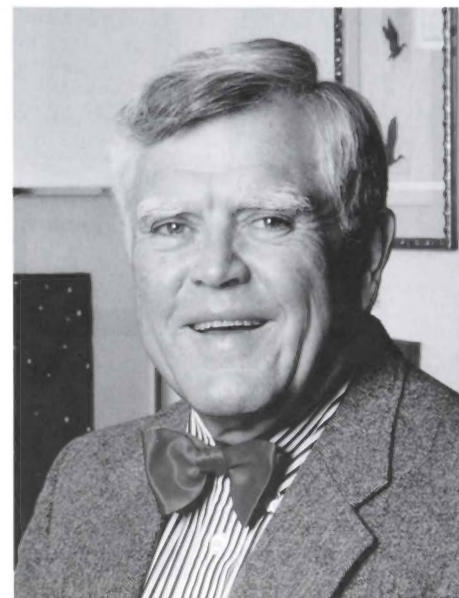
Dr. Thompson earned a medical degree in 1951, and an MA degree (anatomy/endocrinology) in 1952, from UTMB, Galveston. He served as a member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1954 to 1956, and he served on the surgical service at Valley Forge Army Hospital from December 1954 to January 1955.

Dr. Thompson continued his medical career at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where he was an instructor of surgery and the Albert and Mary Lasker Fellow from

July 1958 to June 1959. He was assistant professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania from July 1961 to June 1963. Dr. Thompson was the recipient of the National Institutes of Health Career Development Award from July 1961 to June 1962, and he served as associate professor of surgery at University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine from July 1963 to June 1967.

From July 1967 to March 1970, Dr. Thompson was professor of surgery at UCLA School of Medicine. Dr. Thompson began his tenure at the UTMB, Galveston, in April 1970, where he served as professor and chairman of the department of surgery until June 1995. In addition to his current appointment as Ashbel Smith Professor in the department of surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Dr. Thompson is professor in the department of physiology and biophysics, a position he has held since March 1975.

He received the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Merit Award in 1986 for his investigation of basic and applied principles of gastrointestinal en-



Dr. Thompson

docrinology and physiology. He has authored or co-authored more than 1,200 publications.

The College's Board of Regents is pleased to recognize Dr. Thompson's outstanding contributions by naming him the 1996 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

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immeasurably to the field of surgical education, Dr. Schwartz has written on a variety of topics, including hepatology, hematology, physiology, and tropical diseases. He has served as the author or editor of nine surgical textbooks, has authored or edited numerous chapters in over 40 other published texts, has served on the editorial boards of six clinical journals of sur-

gery, and has authored or coauthored over 200 journal articles.

Dr. Schwartz has also offered his services as a surgical consultant to the United States Air Force and National Institutes of Health, and has been a member of the board of directors for the American Red Cross in his area of the country since 1981.

In other actions taken yesterday, the

Fellows named James C. Thompson, MD, FACS, Galveston, TX, as First Vice-President-Elect, and W. Hardy Hendren III, MD, FACS, Boston, MA, as Second Vice-President-Elect.

Dr. Thompson is Ashbel Smith Professor of Surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. He is the recipient of this year's Distinguished Service Award (see article above).

Dr. Hendren is the Robert E. Gross Professor of Surgery and chief of surgery at Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA. He has been a Fellow of the College since 1963 and has served as President of the Massachusetts Chapter (1989), member of the Board of Governors (1981-1986), and member of the Advisory Council for Pediatric Surgery (1981-1986).



Dr. Hendren, Second Vice-President-Elect

Registration totals

As of Thursday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 16,192. Of that number, 10,078 were physicians and 6,114 were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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Distinguished Service Award recipients came together for a luncheon on Tuesday. From left to right (top row): Frank Padberg, C. Thomas Thompson, Vallee L. Willman, C. Barber Mueller, Barry M. Manuel. Bottom row: Robert E. Hermann, Stuart Mally, Luis F. Sala, and Seymour I. Schwartz.



Past Presidents of the College, who comprise the Advisory Council to the Board of Regents, attended a Tuesday luncheon in their honor. In attendance were (from left to right, top row): Ralph A. Straffon, W. Gerald Austen, Lloyd D. MacLean, David C. Sablston, Jr., William H. Muller, Jr., Oliver H. Behrs, Bottom row: G. Tom Shires, William P. Longmire, Jr., C. Rollins Hanlon, Frank C. Spencer, H. William Scott, Jr., and Jonathan E. Rhoads.

ACS Governors named

The ACS Board of Governors has reelected the following Regents to additional three-year terms: Harvey W. Bender, Jr., MD, FACS, Nashville, TN; Paul E. Collicott, MD, FACS, Lincoln, NE; Margaret F. Longo, MD, FACS, Lafayette, LA; Jonathan L. Meakins, MD, FACS, Montreal, PQ; and Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, San Francisco, CA.

The Board of Governors elected David L. Nahrwold, MD, FACS, to serve an initial one-year term as Chairman, and Henry L. Laws, MD, FACS, to serve an initial one-year term as Vice-Chairman. Elected as Secretary for a one-year term was Amilu S. Rothhammer, MD, FACS.

In other actions, the Board of Governors named Paul Friedmann, MD, FACS, Mary H. McGrath, MD, FACS, and William F. Sasser, MD, FACS, to serve initial two-year terms on the Executive Committee.

Dr. Friedmann is chairman of the department of surgery at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA. Dr. McGrath is professor of surgery and chief of the division of plastic surgery, George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC. Dr. Sasser is chief, division of thoracic surgery, St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis, MO.

In addition, the following individuals were elected Governors:

Governors-at-Large

J. Larry Lawson, Arkansas; Constantine A. Michas, California; Jerry Goldstone, California; Samuel E. Wilson, California; Carlos A. Suarez, Florida; Sylvia D. Campbell, Florida; Talmadge A. Bowden, Georgia; Philip T. Siegert, Illinois; Forrest Dean Griffen, Louisiana; E. George Elias, Maryland; Parvis J. Sadighi, Massachusetts; Lee R. Britton, Michigan (two-year unexpired term ending 1998); Anna M. Ledgerwood, Michigan; Lazar J. Greenfield, Michigan; G. Richard Geier, Jr., Minnesota; John P. Christy, Missouri; John L. Krause, Jr., New Jersey; George Saj, New Jersey; James M. Hassett, New York; Philip J. Aliotta, New York; Bok Y. Lee, New York; Barry W. Rubin, New York; Ira H. Friedman, New York; William T. Stubenbord, New York; Ezra Steiger, Ohio; Peter F. Noyes, Oregon; Clyde F. Barker, Pennsylvania; Frederick C. Beyer, III, Pennsylvania; Thomas J. Tachovsky, Pennsylvania; Marshall W. Webster, Pennsylvania; Bradford R. Thompson, Pennsylvania; James R. Warden, Pennsylvania; Jeffrey R. Saffle, Utah; David B. Pilcher, Vermont; G. Wilkins Hubbard II, West Virginia; Michael J. Hart, Washington; Stuart D. Wilson, Wisconsin; Alfonso Morales Zuniga, Mexico; David P. Petrie, Nova Scotia; William D. Macrae, Saskatchewan (one-year unexpired term ending 1997); Ludovic F. Vereecken, Belgium; H. Abuanza Orjuela, Colombia; Silvio E. Pazzetti Galvan, Guatemala; Howard W. Spencer, Jamaica; Ali Raad, Lebanon; Shaikh A.H. Babar, Pakistan;

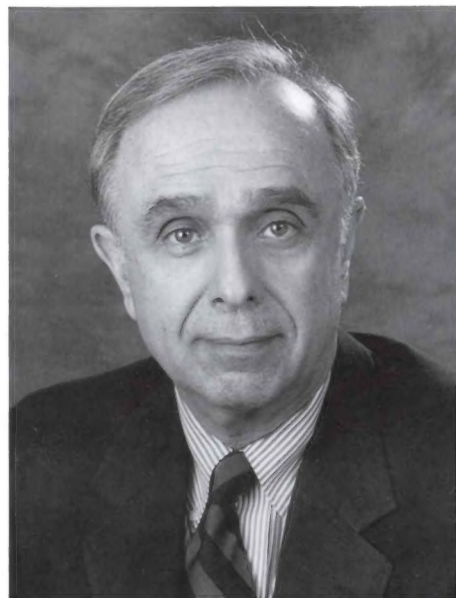


Dr. Nahrwold,
Board of Governors Chairman

Enrique T. Ona, Philippines; Sami A. El-Boghdadly, Saudi Arabia.

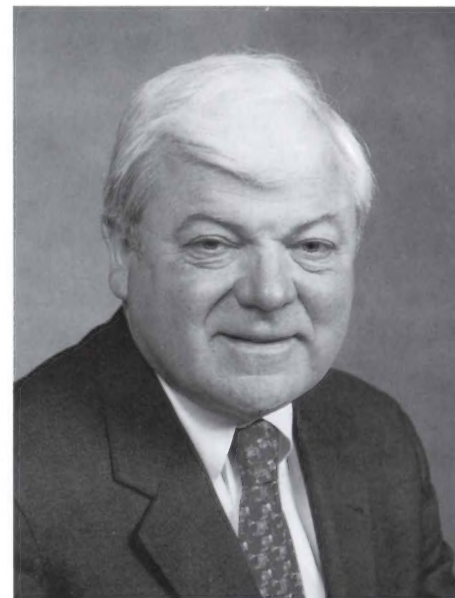
Specialty Governors

Fred J. Stucker, American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (two-year unexpired term ending 1998); Martin I. Resnick, American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons; Kenneth H. Musson, American Association of Ophthalmology; Peter G. Trafton, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; R. Barrett Noone, American Association of Plastic Surgeons; Alex G. Little, American Association for Thoracic Surgery; Byron J. Masterson, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Rodrigue Mortel, American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society; Brig.



Dr. Friedmann,
Board of Governors Executive Committee

Gen. Leonard M. Randolph, Jr., Department of the Air Force; Robert H. Ossoff, American Laryngological Association; Jerome M. Cotler, American Orthopaedic Association; Gregory J. Matz, American Otological Society; Jeffrey A. Norton, American Surgical Association; Ira J. Kodner, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons; Ajit K. Sachdeva, Association for Surgical Education; Edward L. Johnson, American Urological Association; Issam A. Awad, Congress of Neurological Surgeons; Donald Silver, Central Surgical Association; Norman R. Hertzner, International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery-North American Chapter; Paul



Dr. Sasser,
Board of Governors Executive Committee

Friedmann, New England Surgical Society; Wm. R. Eric Jamieson, North Pacific Surgical Association; L. William Traverso, Pacific Coast Surgical Association; David S. Mulder, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; Glenn Morrison, Southern Neurosurgical Society (two-year unexpired term ending 1998); Bryce K.A. Weir, Society of Neurological Surgeons; Louis G. Britt, Southern Surgical Association; Harold C. Urschel, Jr., Society of Thoracic Surgeons; Arlo S. Hermreck, Southwestern Surgical Congress; Robert H. Miller, Triological Society; Amilu S. Rothhammer, Western Surgical Association.

San Diego hosts 25th Spring Meeting

The 25th annual ACS Spring Meeting will be held April 5-9, 1997, at the Hyatt Regency San Diego on San Diego Bay in California.

To emphasize its strong commitment to and support of general surgery, the American College of Surgeons devotes its annual Spring Meeting to the interests and needs of the practicing general surgeon.

The Advisory Council for Surgery has planned a program for the 1997 Spring Meeting, The Practicing General Surgeon in the 21st Century, that will be of interest to all general surgeons. Postgraduate courses in "Image-Guided Breast Biopsy" and in "Ultrasound for the General Surgeon" will give hands-

on introductions to these new and useful technologies that are becoming necessary tools for the modern general surgeon.

The Assembly for General Surgeons on Sunday, April 6, will focus on the changes in practice relationships and lifestyle, scientific advances, evolutions in surgical techniques, and new concepts in continuing medical education that will face the general surgeon in the 21st century.

Panels on gastroesophageal reflux disease, hernia, and the socioeconomic aspects of maintaining professionalism in practice will be complemented by postgraduate courses in current cancer management, critical care in trauma, minimal access surgery, and vascular surgery.

The Film Program, entitled "Best of the 1996 Clinical Congress," and an array of social activities will round out an exciting spring program.

To enhance the educational value of this meeting, more than 50 companies will present products or services that relate to the practice of surgery.

Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Candidate Group members of the College will be receiving the 1997 Spring Meeting Advance Brochure and registration form in early January. A preliminary program will be published in full in the January 1997 issue of the *Bulletin*. Further registration information may be obtained from Nancy Sutton at College headquarters, 55 E. Erie St., Chicago, IL 60611; tel. 312/664-4050.

Allied Meetings

Friday

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons—Executive Council Meeting
3:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Meeting.
Hilton, Bldgs. 1, 2, 3, Ballroom level, Yosemite A.

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons—Executive Council
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Dinner.
Hilton, Bldg. 3, Ballroom level, Yosemite B.

See you next year

We hope to see you at next year's Clinical Congress in Chicago, IL, October 12-17, 1997, or at the Spring Meeting in San Diego, CA, April 5-9, 1997.